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Water Supply and ~~Sanitation~~/ Drainage - Recommendations of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee - Papers recorded.

FINANCE (REORGANISATION) DEPARTMEN

U.O. Note No. 2736/48/Re.16 dated 26th January 1948.

Taluk and Primary Health Centres - Rural Water Supply Schemes.

A copy of the recommendations of Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee made at its meeting held on 17.1.1948 is sent to Education and Public Health Department for necessary action. That Department may be requested to communicate to this (Retrenchment and Reorganisation) Department the orders of the Government on the Committee's recommend ations.

C.O. Coorey,
Secretary, Retrenchment and
Reorganisation Committee.

To

The Education and Public Department.

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TALUK AND PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES:- FORMATION:- The Surgeon General and the Director of Public Health considered the scheme proposed by the Committee on 9.1.1948 and met the Committee again to day. They have also worked out the cost of the scheme and have submitted a note on the same. The Committee recommends the scheme as described in the note appended hereto with the following remarks:-

(i) Vaccinators will not be necessary when the scheme is introduced as the Health Inspectors can do vaccination work;

(ii) In the areas covered by the Scheme, there will be no need to have subsidised rural medical service as obtaining at present; and

(iii) The area covered by the scheme will not include any locality in which it is found desirable to have a complete hospital or dispensary on account of its situation or any special circumstances.

If this scheme is accepted, it will be possible without additional expenditure to open 3 centres for every one centre proposed under the scheme recently sanctioned by the Government and it will be possible to cover the whole Province within a reasonable time.

The Committee then took up the Report of the Water Supply and Drainage Committee. The Committee has expressed its views on 9.1.1948 with reference to the financial aspect.

The Committee is not in favour of pooling the taxes levied in individual municipalities and forming a common fund. Water supply is a local affair and the tax is collected for service rendered. While the Committee agrees that the Government should be more generous and should expedite the execution of protected water supply schemes and cover the whole Province as early as possible it considers that the Government should not favour a common fund consisting of the taxes raised and the contributions made by them. In cases where a municipality or an urban area is too poor to pay for its portion of the capital expenditure, the Government will be justified in being more generous. Subject to the above remarks the Committee adheres to its previous resolution dated 9.1.1948.

As regards the agency for execution the Committee agrees with the recommendations made by the Water Supply and Drainage Committee that there should be a separate Public Health Engineering Service under the control of a separate Chief Engineer. The establishment charges which are calculated by Mr. L. Venkatakrishna Ayyar comes to about Rs. 9 lakhs per annum. Taking the centage charges at 10%, an expenditure of at least 90 lakhs per annum will justify the creation of this Service. It is also possible to combine the Municipal Engineering Service with the Public Health Engineering Service, thus saving the cost incurred on that staff. Much of the work of the Municipal Health Officer can also be done by the Public Health Engineering Service. If the Government decide to create this Service and take in people who have special training in Public Health work, they may investigate to what extent, the work of the Municipal Engineer and the Municipal Health Officer can be transferred to these officers and what saving can be effected on that account.

Investigation and preparation of estimates for Rural Water Supply Schemes:- As soon as the Public Health Engineering Scheme comes into existence, the provision of rural water supply may be left to the Public Health Engineering Service for execution. Until the scheme of Public Health Engineering Service comes into operation, the Rural Water Supply may remain with the Collector but he should be given special assistance in the form of one or more supervisors, specially trained. He will be responsible for preparing estimates and executing the works. If there are a large number of estimates to be prepared, the services of the Local Fund, Public Works Department and the Minor Irrigation staff may be employed

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Please see the views of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee on page 2 c.f. on some of the recommendations of the Water Supply and Drainage Committee. As regards the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee's view that the Government should be more generous to poor municipalities it is submitted that orders have since issued liberalising Government policy in regard to Government grant for water supply and drainage. The Government have not approved the proposal for a common fund. The proposal for the constitution of a separate Public Health Engineering Department has been ordered to lie over till the result of the working of the reorganised Sanitary Engineering Department as an independent unit is known. The proposal to transfer to the proposed Public Health Engineers the work of the ~~proposed Public Health~~ Municipal Engineer and the Municipal Health Officer will therefore be considered only after it is decided to constitute a separate Public Health Engineering Department. In regard to the proposal to transfer the control of Rural Water Supply from the Revenue Department to the proposed Public Health Engineering Department it has been decided that the proposal should lie over for a year till the new reorganised Sanitary Engineering Department is well established and can handle the work already assigned to it. The Conference on Rural Water Supply held on 25.1.1949 has taken certain decisions regarding the strengthening of the staff for the rural water supply work. The Board of Revenue has been asked to submit detailed proposals in the matter.

No further action seems called for on this file regarding the recommendations of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee on page 2 c.f. The papers may be recorded after perusal by Finance.

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The summarising note of Education and Public Health Department from the middle of page 10 above may be perused and the case returned to Education and Public Health.

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P.M. Nayak,
9.5.59.

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The papers may now be recorded.

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G.O. Ms. No. 1754, Public Health, dated 12.5.1949.

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